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In re Application of:)
Maria Raidel, et al)
Serial No.: 09/855,045)
Filed: May 15, 2001)
Title: Absorbent Article and Process)
for the Directed Drainage of)
Fluids Released in a Localized)
Manner)

Group Art Unit: 3761
Examiner: Catherine L. Anderson
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Amendment

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In response to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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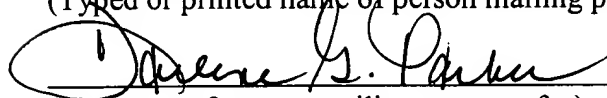
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